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This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated July 18, 2003.

We acknowledge the restriction of the Application into Group I, including Claims 1 – 5, 10 and 12, and Group II, including Claims 6 – 9, 11 and 13.

We hereby elect Group I, including Claims 1 – 5, 10 and 12, without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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